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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Request for Photography Mission (U)

(TS) On 14 March, I am testifying in an open hearing before Senator Helms' Western Hemisphere Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on our policy in the Caribbean and Central America. I think that much Congressional support for our policy in this hemisphere can hinge on the case we make at this hearing. A key part of our case is a convincing presentation of the threat posed by the Soviet Union and its surrogates, including the construction of facilities capable of supporting foreign military forces on the island of Grenada. I have requested from the DCI photography of the recent construction on the island, but it cannot be made available because of the overriding need to protect intelligence sources and methods. U-2 photography could be cleared for release provided it were available. Therefore, I request that a U-2 photographic reconnaissance mission be flown and that the mission photography of the airfield, Cuban base, and naval facility on Grenada be sanitized and declassified in time for the 14 March hearing.

Fred C. Iklé

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keep secret

mission is over flight

there are objections by Grenada & others

could jeopardize Central America missions

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